

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 1992**

The one thousand six hundred and thirty-ninth meeting of the Milwaukie City Council was called to order at 7:03 PM in the Milwaukie Center with the following Councilmembers present:

Craig Lomnicki,  
Mayor  
Roger Hall

Jean Schreiber  
Bob Knudson

Absent:

Rob Kappa

Also present:

Dan Bartlett,  
City Manager  
Mike Robinson,  
City Attorney  
Charlene Richards,  
Assistant to the  
City Manager  
Angus Anderson,  
Finance Director

Maggie Collins,  
Community Development Dir.  
Tim Corbett,  
Public Works Director  
Paul Roeger,  
Office Engineer  
Simon Cooper,  
Civil Engineering Assistant  
Pat DuVal,  
City Recorder

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, SPECIAL REPORTS, AND AWARDS**

None scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Jim Backenstos**, 3626 Harrison, Concerned Citizens President, discussed the need for recycling and suggested the City newsletter contain information for residents. He complimented Dan Bartlett on his management of the City and urged conservative spending. He said he believed the Town Hall meetings were a good idea. **Backenstos** urged that Council set a few, significant, attainable goals. He suggested a location for a natural harbor on the riverfront. He discussed the soils report for the Public Safety Building. He said he would be speaking before OSPIRG to discuss several items. **Backenstos** asked why water was bubbling up through the storm drains on Harrison Street. He discussed the natural pools that had been in the area, particularly at current Precision Castparts facility on Johnson Creek Blvd. He urged that the City protect its surface water.

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**Mayor Lomnicki** agreed that recycling was important and suggested that the haulers send out information to the customers. He said cities are required to stay within their budget, and that Milwaukie had not recently sought a new tax base. He said the City is involved with regional committees regarding the water supply.

**McLoughlin Blvd. Construction Update**

**Dave Jones**, Project Manager for the State Highway Division, gave a presentation on the McLoughlin Blvd. project. He said the project is the culmination of 10 years of planning and review. The contract was awarded in October for \$9.3 million. **Jones** reviewed some of the changes that could be expected. He said the Hwy 224 ramps will be widened to two lanes to accommodate future traffic growth. The northbound lanes of McLoughlin will go under the ramp. The plan also calls for moving Main Street to the east in the industrial area while trying to protect the sequoia trees. There will be four northbound lanes in this area which will narrow to three lanes at Milport. There will be three southbound lanes between Ochoco and Milport at which point will spread to four lanes.

**Jones** said these improvements in conjunction with the Tacoma interchange will be highly beneficial to the area. Later improvements will include McLoughlin Blvd. from Harrison Street south. He said Harrison will have a new traffic signal and 17th will be realigned.

**Councilmember Knudson** asked if there would be a merge lane from the Hwy 224 off ramp to McLoughlin. **Jones** described the configuration of the new Hwy 224 ramp. He said Main street will be moving very close to the warehouses and McLoughlin will be about where Main Street is now.

**Jones** commended City staff on their assistance and cooperation with the project.

**Councilmember Schreiber** asked how 17th Ave. would be accessed when the Hwy 224 ramp was closed. **Jones** said Main Street would be used as a detour ramp for several days instead of detouring traffic from 17th Ave. to Milport.

**Councilmember Schreiber** asked how long the bridge on 17th Ave. would be closed to foot traffic. **Jones** said the bridge would not be closed but would be flagged.

**Mayor Lomnicki** asked if ODOT had scheduled public information meetings to discuss these plans with City residents. **Jones** said there have been numerous hearings and meetings in the planning stage. **Mayor Lomnicki** said he was concerned that neighborhoods be informed of traffic impacts. He encouraged ODOT to contact City residents directly. He particularly noted the concern of the Ardenwald neighborhood and possible future delays when the Tacoma overpass is under construction.

**Tim Corbett**, Public Works Director, said the Public Works Department would facilitate meetings between ODOT and affected neighborhoods.

**Dan Bartlett**, City Manager, requested that information for the street closures be sent to City Hall to be broadcast on the City cable access channel reader board.

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**Councilmember Hall** asked which sequoias would be left. **Jones** said there would small groups of trees removed, but not a large mass. He described the landscaping plans that were in process.

**Councilmember Hall** asked about the future of Leopold Toyota. **Jones** said the car dealership would remain with no changes. He said there negotiations underway regarding the used car lot on the west side. **Jones** said the street would be widened to the location of the old Portland Traction overpass.

**OTHER BUSINESS****Consider Bid Award for Third Pressure Zone Pump Station**

**Simon Cooper**, Civil Engineering Assistant II, presented the staff report in which the City Council was requested to consider the contract for the Third Pressure Zone Pump Station and System Improvements. Staff recommended the bid be awarded to Dancal Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$167,259.50.

**Cooper** said the central area of the zone was annexed from the Wichita Water District. Water pressure had been 60 psi and is currently 25 psi. The construction would be at well site #6 on Stanley Ave. He reviewed the area that would be served by the proposed pump station and system improvements.

**Mayor Lomnicki** asked if these would enhance service to future annexed areas to the east. **Cooper** said this consideration was one of the design criteria. **Corbett** said there were currently three waterlines running down Linwood Ave.

It was moved by **Councilmember Hall** and seconded by **Councilmember Schreiber** to award the contract for the Third Pressure Zone Pump Station and System Improvements to the lowest bidder, Dancal Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$167,259.50. Motion passed 4 - 0 with the following vote: Mayor Lomnicki, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Schreiber, Councilmember Knudson aye; no nays; no abstentions; Councilmember Kappa absent.

**Consider Police Arbitration Award MPEA/Teamsters Agreement for Fiscal Year 1991-1992**

**Charlene Richards**, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the staff report in which the City Council was requested to review the MPEA/Teamsters Agreement for fiscal year 1991-1992 which includes the arbitrator's award; accept the agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the agreement. She reviewed the process resulting in the arbitration. The arbitrator's award resulted in a 3% general increase; medical and dental rate cap at 90/91 rates with the City and the employee splitting any increase; \$100 per year equipment allowance; and one year agreement. **Richards** said the arbitrator found the financial condition evidence compelling and made a favorable award to the City. She said the award was consistent with AFSCME and management/nonrepresented employees.

It was moved by **Councilmember Knudson** and seconded by **Councilmember Hall** to accept the agreement and authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion passed 4 - 0 with the following vote: Mayor Lomnicki, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Schreiber, and Councilmember Knudson aye; no nays; no abstentions; Councilmember Kappa absent.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Hall and seconded by Councilmember Knudson to adopt the Consent Agenda which consisted of the City Council Minutes of January 7, 1992. Motion passed 4 - 0 with the following vote: Mayor Lomnicki, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Schreiber, and Councilmember Knudson aye; no nays; no abstentions; Councilmember Kappa absent.

## INFORMATION

Bartlett discussed the minutes of various regional committees contained in the Information section of the Council packet. He discussed the City's future plans for water conservation. He said the City will be required to adopt a conservation plan and a rate structure that would reward water conservation.

Councilmember Knudson discussed the surface water meetings he had attended.

Councilmember Hall discussed the upcoming meetings on the Kellogg Treatment Plant expansion. Bartlett announced that Tim Corbett is City staff liaison. He said meeting information is on the cable channel reader board and discussed the timelines of the actions regarding the treatment plant.

Councilmember Hall discussed anonymous letters received from employees and the need for a Council policy regarding this type of letter from an employee or a resident.

Mayor Lomnicki suggested a written policy of non-response for anonymous letters.

Councilmember Knudson said this type of concern should be addressed by a shop steward.

Councilmember Schreiber said the Council publicly addresses issues, and she urged those who write letters to do so openly.

Bartlett said that the letter contained an allegation that the City smoking policy had been violated in the Public Works Department. He said Corbett had reaffirmed the City's policy of no vehicle being a smoking vehicle. There is no smoking in any City facility. He added that there was an exception if Police personnel believe it would be beneficial to allow detainees to smoke.

Councilmember Schreiber said there are acceptable ways to address these issues without writing anonymous letters.

Commission Appointment

Mayor Lomnicki nominated Phil Cochran to the vacant position of the Traffic Safety Commission. Councilmember Knudson seconded. Motion passed 4 - 0 to appoint Phil Cochran to the vacant position on the Traffic Safety Commission.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lomnicki adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Pat DuVal

Pat DuVal, Recorder/Secretary

